

You Can Make A Lifesaving Difference

Step One - Donate Life

Thousands of Americans are waiting for life saving or life enhancing organ & tissue transplants. You can save lives by making the decision to be an organ & tissue donor.

Step Two - Share Your Decision

Sharing your decision with your family will help them carry out your decision and can provide them with comfort in their time of grief.

Step Three - Become A Donor

Fill out the uniform donor card below and share your decision with your family. Bring this card with you when obtaining your new driver's license. An organ donor insignia will then be placed on the front of your new license.

Note: Carry this card along with your driver's license.

UNIFORM DONOR CARD

NAME OF DONOR (*Please print*)

I have spoken to my family about organ and tissue donation.
I wish to donate the following:

ANY NEEDED ORGANS & TISSUES ☐

ONLY THE ORGANS & TISSUES INDICATED BELOW ☐

SIGNATURE OF DONOR

X

DATE

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

X

Parent or legal guardian of minor donor
minor donor must sign below.

☐ PARENT

☐ LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

X

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Questions Commonly Asked

Will my decision to become an organ and tissue donor affect the quality of my medical care?

No. Organ and tissue surgery takes place only after all efforts to save your life have been exhausted and death has been legally declared. The doctors working to save your life are entirely separate from the medical team that would be involved in recovering your organs and tissues.

Will donation disfigure my body?

Donation neither disfigures the body nor changes the way it looks at rest.

Are there any costs to my family for donation?

No. Donation costs nothing to the donor's family or estate. The donor's family is responsible for hospital charges not involved with the donation, and the donor's funeral arrangements.

Does my religion approve of donation?

All major religions approve of organ and tissue donation and consider it a gift, an act of charity.

Who can become a donor?

Everyone should consider him or herself a potential organ and tissue donor. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissues can be donated.

What organs and tissues can I donate?

Needed organs include the heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissue that can be donated includes the cornea of the eyes, skin, bone, heart valves, veins and tendons.

What will happen to my donated organs and tissues?

Patients who receive organs and tissues are chosen based upon many factors, such as blood type and medical matching. A national system is in place to ensure the fair distribution of organs in the United States. The buying and selling of organs is against the law.

For more information about organ and tissue donation call:

Connecticut Coalition for Organ and Tissue Donation,
1-800-754-5550
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